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Commissioners reject raise in patio rent fees

The much-publicized proposal to increase fees paid by restaurant owners for use of city sidewalks in Plymouth came to a quiet resolution last week.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission rejected the rate increase proposal with Mayor Nick Moroz casting the only vote in favor of a much smaller increase than originally proposed.

During a commission meeting in Caster Park Aug. 7, the commissioners rejected the plan to increase the per square foot rental fee from $1.50 to $15, a 900 percent increase, which had been suggested. Moroz suggested a 33 percent increase to $2 per square foot which was defeated. Moroz reminded the commissioners that there had been no change or increase in the rental rate for more than a decade, despite the increase in operating costs to the city for maintaining the areas. Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal noted that the current rate and use of the city property might not be fair to taxpayers who fund repairs and maintenance. "It's all of our taxes paying for this property," Deal said.

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Moroz was also in favor of requiring 6 feet between the building and the patio service, noting that the national standards of urban planning suggested 8 to 10 feet. That proposal was also defeated by commissioners. Some said they voted against the mayor's proposal because they favored a larger rent increase, perhaps to $2.50 per square foot.

Restaurant owners remained adamant that the clearance should not be increased and that the patios had been operated at the current rate for more than 20 years. One owner reminded the commissioners of the value the restaurants add to the community and the numerous sponsorships they provide. He said that both the public and the owners benefit from the patios as they add jobs, add value and give back through numerous sponsorships and service club donations to support the community.

Commissioner Alanna Maguire was not in favor of a proposed consistent set back requirement noting that the city streets differ greatly. She suggested the setback be determined on a street-by-street basis. Maguire commented that she and the commission members had been subjected to "vile, vitriolic and disgusting" comments regarding the proposed increase. She reminded the assembled crowd which included some of the restaurant owners who publicly criticized the proposal in the media that the officials dedicate their time to the city in an attempt to improve the community."None of us does this job for the power, the prestige, certainly not the income," she said. "We all do this job because we love the City of Plymouth," she said.

No date for any further action on the issue was discussed at the meeting.

Village festival

3rd annual event features art, music, farmer's market

The Third Annual Cherry Hill Village Festival will return to Canton Township Aug. 26 and 27.

The event will include art, food, music, and other entertainment at the crossroads of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, as well as at the Village Arts Factory.

The outdoor art festival will feature Village Arts Factory resident studio artists, food trucks, live entertainment on two stages, face painting, kids' activities and games, the 9th Annual Rally on Ridge Food Truck event, the Canton Farmers Market, a Sunday community brunch, and more than 40 local vendors selling artwork, crafts, concessions, and home goods. Presented by the Village Arts Factory, Canton Leisure Services, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the event is sponsored by American 1 Credit Union, Canton Preparatory High School, and Jacob Matthew Jewelers.

The festival will be open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Live entertainment will take place on two stages: the Village Arts Factory Stage, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road and the Canton LIVE Stage, located on the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The Village Arts Factory will present an array of music headliners, including Detroit jazz legend Kimmie Horne and the show stopping Blue Ensemble from Ann Arbor. Additional performers include The Cherry Bombs and the Swing City Big Band.

The Canton LIVE Stage will feature performances by: the Tequila Mockingbirds; Mad Mad World Band; The Kilk Band and the Rick Lieder Band.

The festival will include the 9th Annual Rally On Ridge: This popular annual event is now a part of the Cherry Hill Festival and will take place from 4-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26. Visitors can enjoy an evening of access to a variety of specialty food trucks, live entertainment, and a beer garden. Drink tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.cantonfun.org/register for $20 for five tickets.

Day of event prices will be $5 per ticket. Must be 21+ to redeem tickets.

The Canton Farmers Market will take place on Ridge Road from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27 featuring a variety of Michigan-grown and produced food as well as hand-crafted artisan items.

The market will take place on Ridge Road in front of The Village Theater. In addition, there will be live music on the Canton LIVE stage, as well as a community brunch presented by Maraschino's Pub from 9-11 a.m.

Registration is now open for the second annual Agent Orange Awareness 5K Run/Walk in Cherry Hill Village.

The run/walk will start the Cherry Hill Village Festival on Saturday, Aug. 26, while also raising awareness of the lingering effects of Agent Orange on veterans and their families. Registration is $45 per runner and includes a finisher medal. Official race T-Shirts and water bottles are also available for purchase online at the registration site at https://rfeventservices.redpodium.com/2023-agent-orange-5k, with proceeds helping to fund the continued operation of the Veterans Dormitory at the Village Arts Factory.

A kids' 1/4 Mile Fun Run is now available for children, or the young at heart. No pre-registration is required.

To participate just bring a donation of a toiletry item, a pack of men's socks, or non-perishable food item on race day for the Veterans Dormitory. The run is sponsored by JDog Junk Removal & Hauling..

Parking will be available on area streets, as well as in parking lots at Preservation Park and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

The Third Annual Cherry Hill Village Festival Aug. 26 and 27 will include artisan vendors; the annual Agent Orange Awareness 5K run, live music on the Canton LIVE Stage and Rally on Ridge food trucks. Photos courtesy of Canton Township.

In addition, shuttles will be available at: Trinity Health IHA Medical Group-Cherry Hill Village, Workman Elementary School, and the Canton Dog Park from noon until 9 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For additional information, visit www.villageartsfactory.com or www.cantonfun.org/1383.

Romulus

Mayor updates public on intersection work

Despite some unforeseen delays, Wayne County Road Commission officials hope to have the reconstruction of the Wayne and Ecorse Road intersection in Romulus completed by the end of the year.

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight recently provided an update regarding the status of the reconstruction at the intersection.

"There has been a lot of discussion lately about the reconstruction of the Wayne and Ecorse road intersection so I thought I would provide an update on the current status," McCraight said.

He explained that currently, the entire road surface has been removed and the crews are working on updating the below grade utilities in the area.

McCraight explained that there had been a delay due to some incorrect information engineers received regarding the location and sizing of those utilities.

"Unfortunately, there is also a below grade fuel storage tank that was undocumented directly in front of the Alert Glass location," McCraight said.

"It is not uncommon to encounter incorrect information regarding underground utilities since accurate recording keeping didn't seem to be a priority in the past when said utilities were modified" the mayor added. He said that Wayne County engineers are working on solutions for these issues with the field contractors. He said Romulus officials are attending bi-weekly meetings with all parties to collaborate and find solutions to issues as they arise.

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"Contractors are on site today moving forward with areas that are not immediately impacted by the recent discoveries. In some areas, the storm drains are installed and they are working on establishing final grade in preparation for the installation of the new road surface" McCraight said.

"Reconstruction was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023 he explained. "So far, even with the unanticipated discoveries we are optimistic that Wayne County will still meet that deadline. However, we all know circumstances arise during construction that could alter that projection," he added.

McCraight thanked area motorists and residents for their continued patience during the construction.

"It seems every road in our area has some level of construction or detour associated with it. This has a negative, short-term impact on all of us. But the long-term benefits will far out way the inconvenience we endure today," he concluded.

Here to help

The city of Romulus Police Department recently welcomed Anesha Williams, a mental health professional from Hegira Health to the staff. Romulus, Wayne and Van Buren Township police departments have partnered and will share Williams' services to help local families in need of mental health services. As a professional clinician, Williams will provide help in locating local providers and offer other help to those in need of professional providers in the three communities. Officials said Williams brings "a wealth of knowledge and experience" to the job.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE I, SECTION 26-3, PERMANENT STRUCTURE AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICE, OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 26 Article I Section 26-3 Permanent Structure and Mobile Food Service is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-3. Permanent structure and mobile food service

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 7th day of August 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 7th day of August, 2023.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 17th day of August, 2023.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced:	07-24-2023
Adopted:	08-07-2023
Published Effective:	08-17-2023

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 3, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-191** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **There were no special meetings held on Monday, June 26, 2023.**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-192** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-1 in the amount of $500,000.00 to recognize revenue and expenditures associated with the second installment payment of the MEDC Sidewalk Grant. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - *Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 3, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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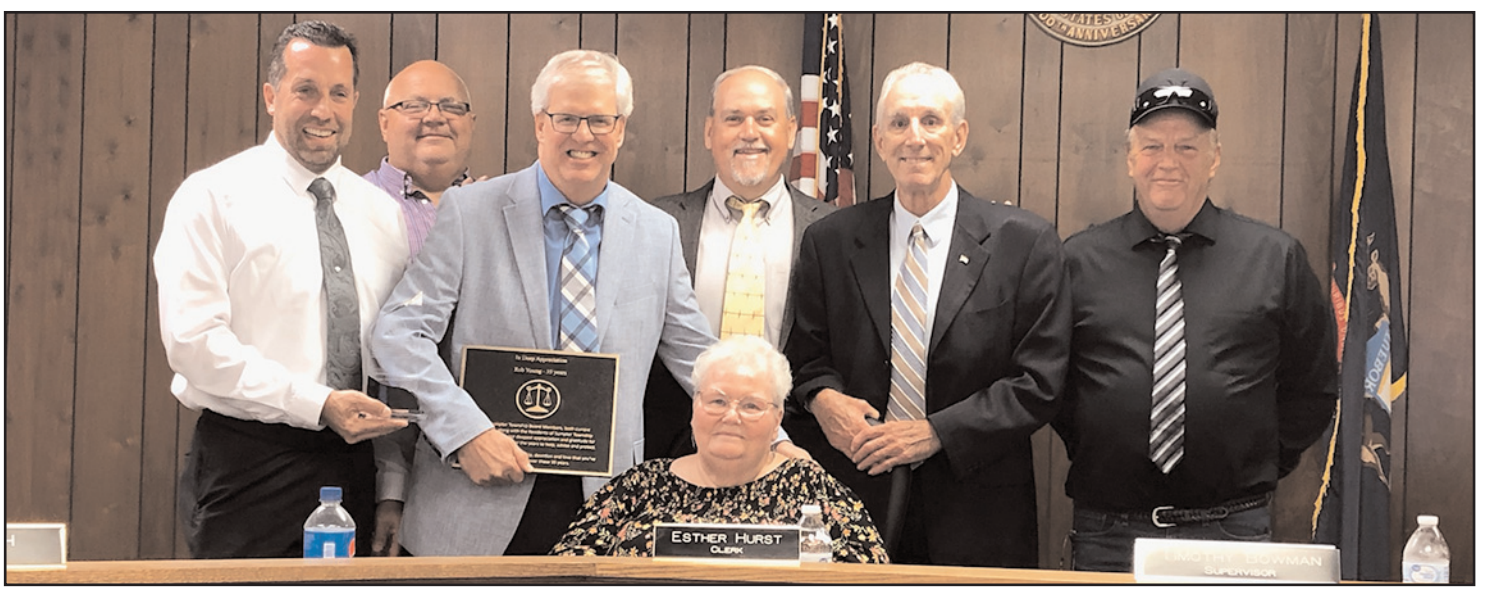
PLYMOUTH - SUMPTER - WAYNE

35 and counting

During the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees last week, township attorney Rob Young was recognized by the officials as he marked 35 years serving the township. Current and former members of the board along with residents in attendance, expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the integrity, friendship, devotion, and professionalism Young has demonstrated during the past 35 years. Congratulating Young, from left, are Township Treasurer Bart Patterson, Trustee Don LaPorte, Young, Trustee Matt Oddy, Clerk Esther Hurst (seated), Trustee Tim Rush and Supervisor Timothy Bowman.



Development at Courthouse Grill wins state funds

Long awaited plans for the Plymouth Road property which formerly housed the Courthouse Grille will move forward, officials said, following a grant and loan from the State of Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) department.

Developers plan to construct two buildings containing 103 apartment units on the site. Currently, the site is contaminated with metals and petroleum compounds along with inground debris deposited when the property was used as a landfill in the 1930s.

State EGLE awarded developers a $535,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant to install a vapor mitigation system and a separate $1 million EGLE Brownfield Redevelopment Loan to be used to offset the cost of special deeper foundations needed on the land.

Plans indicate the redevelopment will connect the property to Hines Park and the Middle Rouge Parkway. Construction is estimated to conclude in December of 2025, officials said.

Lead levels in Wayne water continue to post health hazard

Water from residential taps in the City of Wayne remains contaminated with high levels of lead, according to inspectors from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Wayne residents should continue to put lead filters on home water faucets and consider having children tested for lead in their blood following levels of the neurotoxin found in city water supplies.

According to a posting on the city website earlier this month, nine of 60 homes tested in Wayne had excessive levels of lead, the highest tested at 31 ppb, according to Lynn Sutfin, a spokesperson from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Water samples with more than 15 parts per billion (ppb) of lead require a community to take action, according to state and federal guidelines.

Exposure to lead can damage the brain and kidneys and can affect the production of red blood cells in the body. There is no safe level of lead in drinking water, officials said.

Officials said a minimum of 400 homes in the city still have lead water service lines.

Ed Queen, the assistant director of the Wayne Department of Public Works, said the city has replaced about 200 lead service lines to date, but the cost to replace the remaining 400 is expected to reach nearly $5 million.

Last month, the city was notified of about $4.9 million in state funding to begin replacement of the dangerous residential water supply lines,

Officials urged residents to continue to take precautions against any exposure to the dangerous neurotoxin.

Filters are available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City of Wayne Department of Public Works, 35200 Forest Ave. in Wayne. The department can be reached at (734) 721-8600.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Councilwoman Tina Talley.

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director; Cpt. Nicole Harris, RPD.

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of the Amended Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. # 23-193** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. No special meetings were held on Monday, July 10, 2023.
3. **Petitioner**
   A. **Res. # 23-194** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Block Party Petition and Road Closure request to have an Open House event on July 22, 2023, from 2 pm to 7 pm, and close streets between Crystal Lake Dr. and Mistwood Court. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Councilwoman Tina Talley discussed upcoming community events.
   Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   A. **Res. # 23-195** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Agreement for Water Services between Van Buren Township and the City of Romulus to provide service to 13560 Hannan Rd, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Twp that they will become our water services customer. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. **Res. #23-196** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23- 24 to both bidders, Ferguson Waterworks and Etna Supply LLC for twelve-month fixed pricing for all stainless steel repair clamps for the collective members of the Downriver Community Conference. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   C. **Res. # 23-197** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-25 to the only bidding company, ABS Storage Products, Inc, for the up-fitting of the four police vehicles listed on the estimate included in the company's bid in the amount of $70,382.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   D. **Res. # 23-198** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-26 to the only bidder, PK Contracting, at the pricing reflected in their bid for the two-year of the contract for approximately 41.48 miles of Major and Local Streets as specified by Section 811 of the MDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #23-199** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the 23/24 FY Municipal Fee Schedule Amendment for the Treasurer's Office reflecting the increase of the water payment credit/debit card fee from $3.95 to $4.15. Effective August 1, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. # 23-200** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve Warrant #: 23-13 for checks presented in the amount of $1,526,403.98. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication**
13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 10, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilwoman Tina Talley.

Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance: Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance: D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney; Roger Kadau, Cable;

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res #23-201** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. **There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, July 10, 2023.**
3. **Petitioner**
   A. **Res. #23-202** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use request for SLU-2023-005; Sheetz (33380 Wick Road) for a gas station and drive-thru restaurant subject to a revised site plan being submitted and any other items identified by other department and agencies. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   The Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, presented the Mayor's Report.
   A. **Res. #23-203** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the Administration and adopt the Senior Alliance 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. **Res. #23-204** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Rotary Club to use the Historical Park on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm for their annual picnic. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   C. **Res. #23-205** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the NCRA Contract 01-50 for the purchase of four (4) Microsoft SQL Server Standard Core Licenses sized for Laserfische from Zones Inc., for a total cost of $19,580.52. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   D. **Res. #23-206** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Dell Midwestern Higher Education Compact Contract #MHEC-04152022 for the purchase of replacement computers during the 23/24 budget year in the amount of $19,091.90. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #23-207** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the First Reading and Introduction to Amendments to Ch. 26, Article I, Section 26-3, Permanent Structure and Mobile Food Service of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. **Res. #23-208** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Public Hearing Request for Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity for the property owners or parties-in-interest of Demolition List 23-01 to show cause why their buildings should not be demolished or otherwise made safe.
      1. 7305 Hollywood - single-family residential structure, garage
      2. 10524 Inkster - fire-damaged single-family residential structure, shed
      3. 37187 Menton, single-family residential structure
      4. 10885 Middlebelt, awning from a previously demolished gas-station
      5. 11318 Moore, single-family residential structure
      6. 28055 Van Born, pole-barn
      7. 29805 Van Born, single-family residential structure
      8. 29815 Van Born, single-family residential structure, garage, shed
      9. 31021 Van Born, single-family residential structure
      10. 36009 Van Born, single-family residential structure, pole-barn, shed, slab
      11. 11010 Whitehorn, multi-tenant building

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the council regarding her unpaved residential road located on Washington St.
9. **Unfinished Business** - *Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the Minutes*
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #23-209** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-14 for checks presented in the amount of $1,794,440.63. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - *Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2023.

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Northville

Planning commissioner honored with state award

Northville resident and volunteer Planning Commissioner Donna Tinberg is the recipient of the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) Helen S. Willis Outstanding Commissioner Award. The annual award honors an individual who advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. An awards presentation is planned for Oct. 4 in Traverse City as part of the annual association meeting.

Tinberg was nominated for the award by City Planner Sally Elmiger, of Carlisle Wortman Associates, with letters of support from city administration and elected officials. Tinberg was appointed to the Northville Planning Commission in 2017 and became the commission liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals in 2018. She has served as chair of the planning commission since 2021 and has attended more than 110 planning commission meetings, reviewed and acted on 40 development proposals, 30 ordinance amendments, and two master plan updates. As the liaison to the zoning appeals board, she has reviewed and acted on 47 cases and attended 33 meetings.

In the nomination, Elmiger noted that Tinberg "adheres to and advocates for the following principles: resident input, predictability in the planning process, and adherence to state and municipal law. She has been a champion of missing middle housing and walkability."

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City Councilmember Andrew Krenz, a former planning commissioner, praised Tinberg's performance.

"She is a dedicated servant to her neighbors and community that is motivated by dispassionate application of ordinance and precedent in the spirit of providing substantial justice, even when the right decision can be unpopular, no matter the scale of what's in front of her," Krenz said.

"The Downs definitely has been a challenging process for all parties - the PC, the developer and residents. My goal has been to keep the process transparent, courteous, and civil, so that we don't damage the important human relationships that really are at the core of what makes Northville a special place. We've truly tried to negotiate the most compatible project we can within the parameters of the state Planning Enabling Act and our own local zoning ordinance," Tinberg said in an email.

She also cited the process used for the Master Plan updates, noting, "It was the first time we'd established a smaller ad hoc committee to bring ideas to the entire PC for action. That ad hoc group (in addition to Tinberg) consisted of Commissioners Thom Barry, Andrew Krenz, and Jeff Gaines. "The ad hoc group was really committed to providing meaningful opportunities for public engagement, a goal that was certainly put to the test when the pandemic hit in 2020. Despite those restrictions, we used creative methods, like virtual workshop opportunities, to garner public input on a future vision for the Cady Street, South Center, and racetrack districts of the Master Plan. We've continued to use the concept of ad hoc work groups as we try to become more proactive with reviewing/revising certain sections of our ordinances."

One of the most difficult decisions Tinberg said she faced as a member of the PC and BZA was a new project at 711 North Center St.. "Community input reflected strong and significant concerns, and, quite frankly, I personally agreed that the project was wrong for the specific area. The problem was, it met the requirements of our zoning ordinance.

Donna Tinberg, taken from a group photo of the Planning Commission. Photo by Liz Cezat

"Balancing the rights of a property owner, the preferences of the neighbors, and the requirements of the ordinance can be a struggle," she noted. "Ultimately I voted my conscience on the final site plan for that project and was in the minority, so now it's my job to move forward in support of the vote of the full PC.

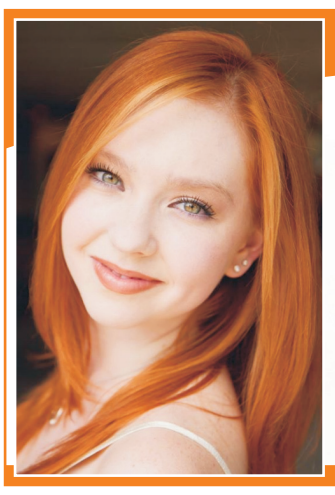
"This is why we're trying to be more proactive in reviewing our ordinance language to be sure it accomplishes what it needs to for the community and provides us with the foundation to make good decisions in the future."

Northville to share funding of school resource police officer

The City of Northville will share the cost of a police school liaison officer with the Northville Public School District. Members of the city council approved a three-year agreement between the city and school district to share the cost of an officer to be based at Hillside Middle School. The officer will also provide services at both Amerman Elementary and Cooke School. The total first-year cost of up to $135,000 will be paid by the Northville School District. The city will assume 50 percent of the cost of the officer in years two and three, up to the maximum amount ranging between $54,000 to $70,000. The new agreement also contains an adjustment in the way the school district and police department pay for school crossing guards. Traditionally, the school district contributes 50 percent of the cost - $15,000 to $20,000 - per year. In the first year of this agreement, the city and school district will split the cost; in year two, the city and school district will pay 75/25 percent, respectively, and in year three, the city will pay the full cost of the crossing guards. The agreement is effective until 2026.

Graduation celebration

Max, the Northville Township Police therapy dog, recently completed the Alliance of Therapy Dogs examination with high marks, according to his partner and handler Community Service Ofc. Andrew Domzalski. Max, a goldendoodle, joined the department last September. He is now certified as part of the Pet Therapy Team. "Max's comforting presence has and will continue to make a positive impact in our community," officials said.



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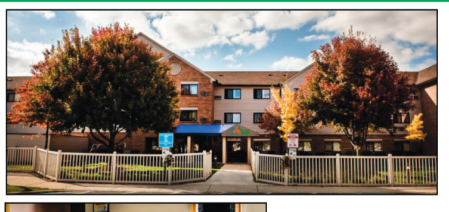

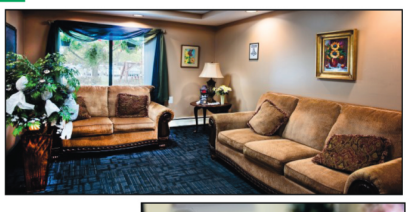

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On Friday, August 25, 2023 @ 1:30PM Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd Wayne, MI 48184 will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned Vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Wayne. All paperwork is to picked up from the city within 48 hours of the sale.
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CANTON

$2.4 million renovation closes Summit Aqua Center

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees tour the renovation work at the Canton Aquatic Center currently under way.

The Summit on the Park Aquatic Center in Canton Township is currently undergoing significant renovation, which is expected to be complete by mid-December.

Canton officials said the $2.4 million construction project, led by Canton Facilities Maintenance staff, will include tile replacement in all pools, including the lap pool and family pool, as well as on the pool decks. In addition, tile will also be replaced in the spa and sauna, as well as in the men's, women's, and family locker rooms. Further enhancements include the addition of a water feature, replacement of the Marcite plaster in the Lazy River, as well as painting of the pool deck roof, they added.

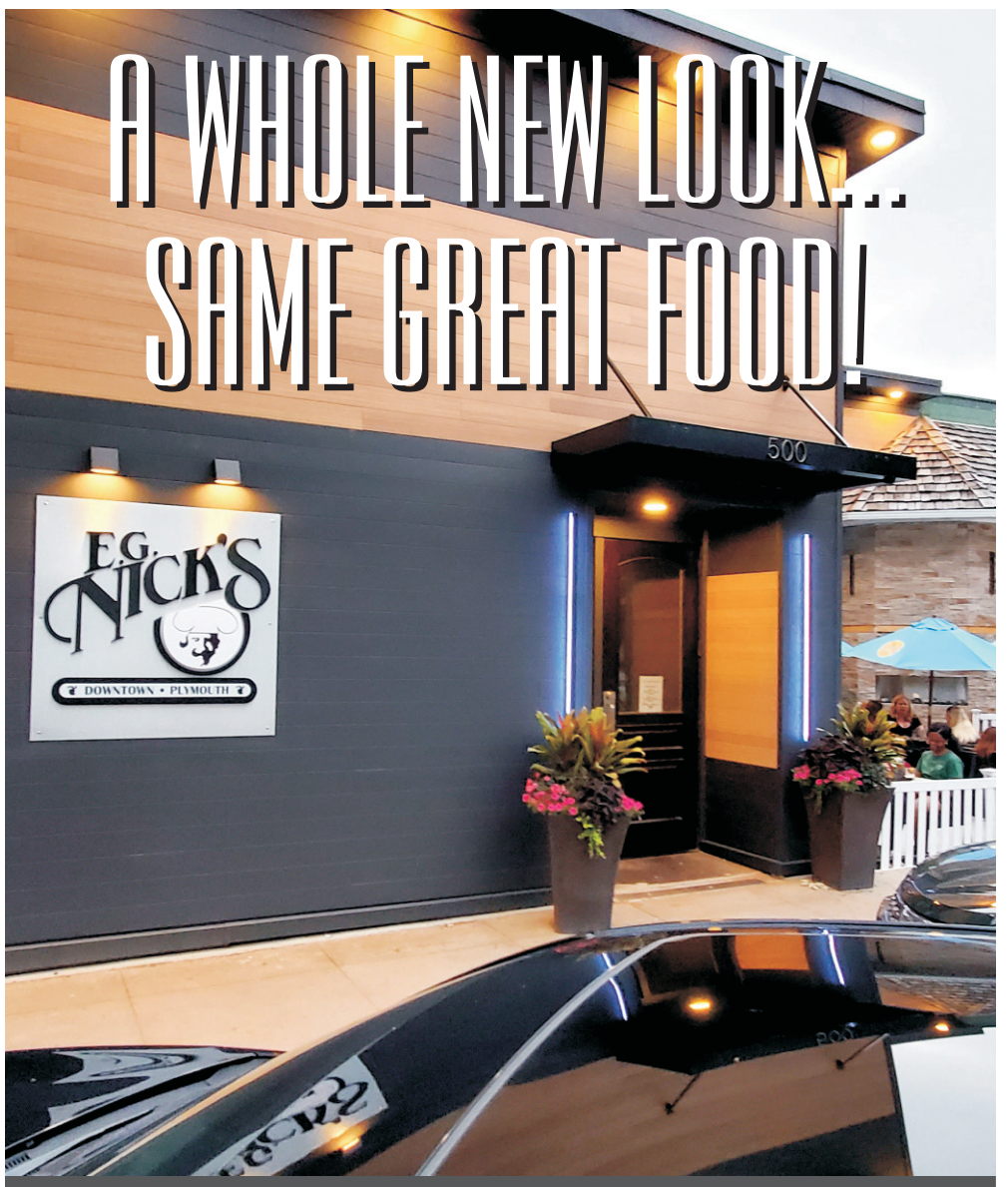
"This short-term inconvenience will definitely bring long-term gains for individuals who utilize our Aquatic Center as part of their regular fitness routine," said Summit Facility Supervisor Jason Lombardo. "Summit staff is eager to update and improve our Aquatic Center because of its popularity among residents and its high use for swim lessons and water fitness classes. We are determined to complete this project on schedule and get everyone back in the water as soon as possible."

Affected programs and amenities will include: swim lessons, lap swim, water fitness classes, as well as sauna and steam room access. During the short-term closure, additional Land Fitness classes will be made available to Summit members to supplement fitness opportunities within the facility. In addition, access to one family/special accommodations locker room will remain available at all times during construction.

To minimize the effect of the Aquatic Center closure, all Summit on the Park members will have the opportunity to 'freeze' or temporarily pause their memberships for the duration of construction and forego access to the facility. In addition, Summit members will have access to a few aquatic facilities in surrounding communities while the Summit Aquatic Center is closed for renovations, including: the Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center in Ann Arbor; the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia and the Romulus Athletic Center. This will provide Summit members with a temporary "facility admittance pass" for alternate use of these aquatic centers during open swim and lap swim times. Members are asked to contact the Summit front desk, if they wish to elect any of these options.

Great night out

The National Night Out celebration in Canton Township recently drew a large crowd of residents and several community groups to Heritage Park to support neighborhood spirit and united effort to take a stand against crime. The event offered an opportunity for residents to meet and interact with police and fire personnel and well as strengthen the importance of keeping the community safe and tolerant, according to officials. The event was organized by the Canton Police and Fire departments, the Canton Public Library, Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities, Community Financial Credit Union and Canton Leisure Services.



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Inkster - Westland

Londeau, Coleman winners in primary mayoral race

Interim Westland Mayor Michael P. Londeau and State Rep. Kevin Coleman were the top choices of voters during the primary election last week.

The Aug. 6 election reduced the field of candidates seeking the top job in the city from six to only Londeau and Coleman. The two will face off in the general election set for Nov. 7 and the winner will become the first newly elected mayor in Westland in nearly 20 years.

The mayor's job became vacant when four-term Mayor William Wild resigned mid-term to join the private sector. Members of the city council in January chose Londeau to serve as interim mayor until the next election in the city.

Londeau and Coleman each launched vigorous campaigns to become the leading executive in the city of 85,000 residents. Londeau received 4,646 votes while Coleman was the choice of 4,304 voters. Votes were cast by only about 15 percent of those registered in the city. The Westland mayor is paid about $126,281 annually while the salary of a state representative is listed on the website as $71,877.

Primary mayoral candidate Jim Godbout received 837 votes; Ali Awadi received 465 votes; Anthony Jones, 146 votes and Ronald Sassak, 46 votes.

Prior to being elected to city council in 2017, Londeau, 44, served as the chairman of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA), a member of the Westland Master Plan Steering Committee, board member of the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Committee, member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council; the Westland Masterplan Steering Committee, the Youth Assistance Advisory Council and served as chairman of the Downtown Development Authority. In 2017, residents elected him to the Westland City Council where he served for five years, including three years as president pro-tem.

Coleman, 40, was defeated in his first mayoral campaign in 2017. He is currently serving his third term as a state representative, his first in the newly-created 25th House District. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University, attended the Lee Honors College and served one 4-year term on the Westland City Council.

Prior to seeking public office, Coleman spent several years working in the community on the Westland Festival Committee and the Westland Veterans Association.

Mayor Michael P. Londeau

Rep. Kevin Coleman

Touring the town

Visitors from as far away as Alabama, New Orleans, Cleveland, and Minnesota traveled to Inkster last week to participate in the Inktown Tour. One of the popular stops on the Inskter tour was the Malcolm X house currently being renovated into a museum. The tours are scheduled annually during the summer months and registration information will be available when the next dates are available, organizers said.

Catholic church to close

Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland will celebrate mass for the last time Oct. 1 after 60 years in the community.

In a message to parishioners last week, Sally Sztrecska of the church finance council sent a message to parishoners.

"Because of our financial struggles and dwindling attendance, it is with heartfelt sorrow that the parish and finance councils have begun the process to close the parish," the message read. "Please know that we are planning activities to celebrate our years of love, laughter, and worship that we have shared. We welcome ideas and help. As we leave our building, help us to walk in the peace of God. "

Several members of the congregation said the closing seemed inevitable as parishioners are aging and new members are not joining the church. Currently, only about 100 people attend Saturday and Sunday masses at the church on Palmer Road.

Some said the effects of COVID 19 were the death knell as worshippers did not return to the church.

Members of the church agreed the final mass Oct. 1 would be difficult for those who have worshiped at Sts. Simon and Jude for most of their lives.

Parish representatives said the decision to close the church is final without hope of an appeal or recourse.

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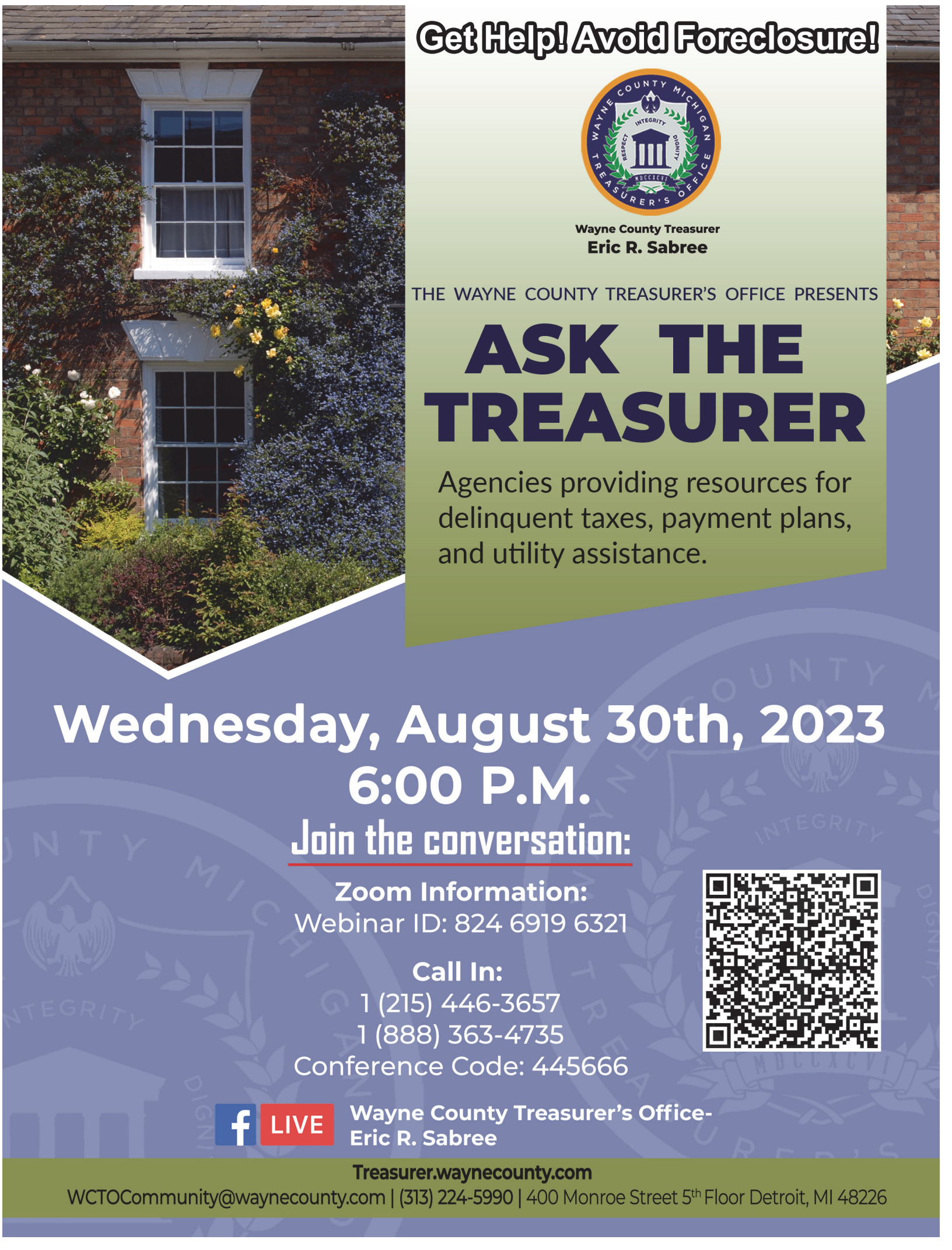
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